Author's response to reviews

Title: Impact of Oral Health Training Package to Anganwadi workers on Oral Health Status of Preschool Children in North Indian City

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To
The Editor,
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Sir,

We wish to thank editorial board for quick and constructive comments on the paper entitled ‘Impact of Oral Health Training Package to Anganwadi workers on Oral Health Status of Preschool Children in North Indian City’. We feel that the article highlights the need and importance of involving community health workers in providing oral health education to mothers in a developing country, where oral health is not a priority in primary health care. The article also emphasizes the use of a simple and cost effective caries activity test to detect caries in community settings, which can lead to its incorporation in oral health policy of India.

I hereby submit the comment wise response as under:

**Comment-1: Trial Registration Number:** We notice that you are reporting a clinical trial but have not cited a trial registration number. This must be obtained before we can begin peer review of your manuscript.

**Response-1:** The said study was not a clinical trial. It was a before and after comparison study to assess the impact of training to anganwadi workers on oral health status of children attending anganwadi centres. The word ‘intervention’ used in the study might have lead to confusion in the mind of reviewers. We have replaced the word ‘intervention’ by training throughout the study. We are thankful to reviewers for pointing it out.

**Comment-2: Consent statement:** Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.**Please re-phrase your consent statement on page 3, as it sounds like consent was obtained from the children.

**Response-2:** Done on page no- 2 and 3 (para-4)
On behalf of all the contributors I will act as guarantor and will correspond with the journal from this point onward.

Thanking you,
Yours’ sincerely,
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